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SUBJ: PRESIDENT THIEU CALLS FOR ORDER AND ATTACKS OPPOSITION

1. IN A 20-MINUTE TV ADDRESS EVENING OCTOBER 2, PRESIDENT THIEU STATED AGAIN THE CONSTITUTION AND ELECTION LAW OBLIGE HIM TO PROCEED WITH THE ELECTION AS SCHEDULED. HE SAID THE LAWLESSNESS OF RECENT WEEKS COULD NOT CONTINUE, AND CRITICIZED THE ANTI-ELECTION GROUPS RECENTLY FORMED BY KY AND BY AN QUANG AS "UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND ILLEGAL". THIEU CALLED FOR ORDER ON ELECTION DAY, AND SAID ANYONE ENGAGING IN VIOLENCE, TRYING TO PREVENT ANYONE FROM VOTING OR SPREADING FALSE RUMORS WOULD BE PUNISHED.

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2. IN INTRODUCING PRESIDENT THIEU THE ANNOUNCER CAREFULLY STATED HE WAS MAKING SPEECH AS PRESIDENT RATHER THAN AS A CANDIDATE, PRESUMABLY TO FORESTALL ANY ALLEGATION THIEU WAS CAMPAIGNING AFTER CLOSE OF OFFICIAL CAMPAIGN PERIOD AT NOON OCTOBER 2.

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